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AS

FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING WATER-  
SOLUBLE OR WATER-SWELLABLE  
POLYMERIZATES WITH A VERY  
LOW RESIDUAL MONOMER CONTENT,  
PRODUCTS PRODUCED ACCORDING  
TO THIS METHOD AND THE USE  
THEREOF

AMENDMENT

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Page 4, beginning at line 22, please delete the paragraph and replace it with the  
following paragraph:

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Predominantly, possible monomers are acrylic acid, acrylamide, methacrylic acid, and  
methacrylamide, which are polymerized to form homopolymers or mixed polymers, but also  
other monomers such as acryl<sup>o</sup>nitrile, methacrylonitrile, N,N-dimethylacrylamide,  
vinylpyrrolidone, vinylpyridine,, vinyl acetate, as well as other water-soluble polymerizable  
acids and salts thereof, particularly maleic, fumaric, itaconic, vinylsulfonic, or  
acrylamidomethylpropanesulfonic acid; also, hydroxy group-containing esters of